

## Historic Huntley | Huntley Meadows Park

### Archaeology Merit Badge

The program lasts 5 hours.

Please bring to class:

- Pework (if Scouts are unable to finish prework, they will receive partial signatures on their blue card and must come back for final signatures when the work is completed.) **All prework is due within a month after the program date.**
- Blue card, pencil, snack/drink, and Scout workbook.

### Merit Badge Prerequisites

- 1) Tell what archaeology is and explain how it differs from anthropology, geology, paleontology, and history.
- 2) Do TWO of the following. For EACH site you research for options a, b, or c, point it out on a map and explain how it was discovered. Describe some of the information about the past that has been found at each site. Explain how the information gained from the study of these sites answers questions that archaeologists are asking and how the information may be important to modern people. Compare the relative ages of the sites you research. *Be prepared to give a short presentation (approximately 3 minutes long) on ONE of the sites you choose.*
  - a. Learn about three archaeological sites located outside the United States.
  - b. Gather research on three archaeological sites that are within the United States.
  - c. Visit an archaeological site and learn about it.
- 3) Do ONE of the following:
  - a. Make a list of items you would like to include in a time capsule. Discuss with your merit badge counselor what archaeologist a thousand years from now might learn from the contents of your capsule about you and the culture in which you live.
  - b. Make a list of the trash your family throws out during one week. Discuss with your counselor what archaeologists finding that trash a thousand years from now might learn from it about you and your family.
- 4) Identify three career opportunities in archaeology. Pick one and explain how to prepare for such a career. Discuss with your counselor what education and training are required, and explain why this profession might interest you.

**Please note that the numbering on the pre-work does not necessarily correspond to the numbering in the merit badge work book.** If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

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